



3641
EPM

In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Serial Number:

08/962,032

Appn. Filed:

1997 October 31

Applicant:

Daniel L. Chapman

Appn. Title:

Passive Safety Mechanism

Examiner/GAU:

D. Buckley/3641

Mailed: 2004 May 14

At: Santee, California

Amendment L

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 2004 April 15, please amend the above application as follows:

Claims:

1 -160. (cancelled)

161. (previously presented): In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar capable of rotation relative to said trigger, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

a. a blocking piece to block said firing element; and

b. a linkage, distinct from said triggerbar, which connects said trigger and said blocking piece;

characterized in that removal of said linkage will disconnect said triggerbar from said trigger.

162. (previously presented): The passive safety mechanism of claim 161 wherein said linkage is slidable.